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SUBJECT: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BROWN'S VISIT AND POSSIBLE SIGNATURE OF MOU

REF: OSLO 1345

- 1. POSSIBILITY OF SECRETARY BROWN AND MINISTER HANSEN SIGNING RECIPROCAL DEFENSE COOPERATION MOU IS CONTINGENT UPON FINAL WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO ENGLISH TEXT OF MOU AND MINISTER HANSEN'S WILLINGNESS TO SIGN ENGLISH TEXT ONLY ON APRIL 12.
- 2. WE FORESEE NO DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING NECESSARY WASHINGTON APPROVAL SINCE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT OF MOU APPARENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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HAS NOT BEEN RADICALLY CHANGED FROM INITIAL DRAFT APPROVED HERE EARLIER AD REFERENDUM. RESULTS OF OUR REVIEW OF FINAL VERSION OF MOU SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY APRIL 7.

3. DOD REGULATIONS REQUIRE A US-CERTIFIED TRANSLATOR TO AUTHENTICATE NORWEGIAN TEXT OF MOU. NORWEGIAN EMBASSY INFORMED DEFENSE THAT NORWEGIAN TEXT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE

MADE AVAILABLE FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS. THUS ONLY ENGLISH TEXT LIKELY TO BE APPROVED FOR SIGNATURE BY APRIL 12. IN ADDITION, WE DO NOT EXPECT ANNEXES TO MOU TO BE READY FOR FINAL APPROVAL BY THAT DATE.

- 4. ACTION REQUEST: (A) YOU SHOULD REFRAIN FROM PUBLICIZING SIGNING CEREMONY UNTIL INSTRUCTED; (B) PLEASE DETERMINE IN DISCREET FASHION WHETHER MINISTER HANSEN IS AGREEABLE TO SIGNATURE OF ENGLISH TEXT ONLY ON APRIL 12.
- 5. THIS IS JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE. COOPER

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